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I have grand jury and can not attend.

Please consider making the construction for the Gateway shuttle a legislative priority. Also the SEC BOD has the construction of the capital complex as a legislative priority I request the SEC support the use of the federal highway funds for projects that lost their earmarks be used as intended for the Knik Arm and Gravina Island projects. SEC should also question the Use of Shakwak funds in the STIP, these funds were set aside for new vessel construction in SATP.

Merry Christmas

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**City of Ketchikan, Alaska**

**Resolution No. 05-2160**

**A Resolution of the Council of the City of Ketchikan, Alaska Reaffirming Support for the Gravina Island Access Project, Urging the Governor to Begin Construction, and Establishing an Effective Date**

WHEREAS, Gravina Island represents the best opportunity for future growth of our community; and

WHEREAS, the Gravina Island Access project, including the Ralph M. Bartholomew Veterans Memorial Bridge, has been a community priority for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, the Gravina Island Access project was overwhelmingly supported by a 2-1 vote of the people of Ketchikan, and, in addition, federal funding for both the Gravina Island and Knik Arm projects was supported by 65% of all Alaskans in a recent poll; and

WHEREAS, construction of the Gravina Island Access project will allow the implementation of the Gravina Island Development Plan which was recently completed by local government and which provides access to non-federal land for commercial, industrial, residential, and recreational purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Council has through resolutions adopted in 1997, 2003, and 2004 previously supported the project in light of its long-range economic benefits to our community; and

WHEREAS, Ketchikan suffered a great economic loss as a result of federal policy changes on the Tongass National Forest which resulted in the decimation of a vibrant timber industry, from which the community is still struggling to recover; and

WHEREAS, after the significant decline of the local timber industry the Gravina Island Access project took on a more critical role in Ketchikan's economic recovery; and

WHEREAS, in 1998 \$20 million in federal TEA-21 funds were made available for this project and authorized and matched by the Alaska Legislature, to date \$9.2 million in federal funds and \$2.3 million in state funds have been spent on the project scoping and EIS, and a record of decision has been issued; and

WHEREAS, in his inaugural State of the State address Governor Murkowski identified the Gravina Island Access and Knik Arm projects as his top statewide priorities, and

WHEREAS, Governor Murkowski consistently thereafter identified both the Gravina Island Access and Knik Arm projects as priorities for federal funding earmarks in his requests to the Alaska Congressional delegation; and



WHEREAS, despite the loss of earmarks the Alaska Congressional delegation has been successful in its efforts to keep funding intact for both the Gravina Island Access and Knik Arm projects; and

WHEREAS, delays in completing the projects will result in additional economic harm as well as increased construction costs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the City of Ketchikan, Alaska as follows:

Section 1. The Ketchikan City Council urges Governor Murkowski to reaffirm his support for the Gravina Island Access and Knik Arm projects as transportation priorities and to assure that construction plans are in the final 2006-2008 STIP.

Section 2. The Ketchikan City Council urges Governor Murkowski and the Alaska State Legislature to use federal funds as intended by the Alaska Congressional delegation, specifically by including sufficient federal and state funds in the FY 2007 capital budget to keep the Gravina Island Access and Knik Arm projects on schedule.

Section 3. The Ketchikan City Council requests that Governor Murkowski instruct the Alaska Department of Transportation to move both the Gravina Island Access and Knik Arm projects to construction as soon as possible.

Section 4. This resolution is effective immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2005.

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Bob Weinstein, Mayor

Attest:

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Katy Suiter  
City Clerk